

REMARKS

I. Amendments to the Claims

Prior to entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 6-76 were pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 13-72 and 74-76 are cancelled herein. Accordingly, following entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 6-12 and 73 will be pending.

II. Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Office action, the existence of seven patentably distinct species is asserted and restriction to one of the following species is required:

- I. Claims 6-8 and 73;
- II. Claims 9-12;
- III. Claims 13-20;
- IV. Claim 21;
- V. Claims 22-39 and 74;
- VI. Claims 40-63, 75, and 76; and
- VII. Claims 64-72.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Specie I (i.e. claims 6-8 and 73). Applicants believe that claims 9-12 should be included with Specie I, and as such, have not been cancelled. Claims 13-72 and 74-76 have been cancelled and Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these cancelled claims in a later filed divisional application.

III. Conclusion

A petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the March 7, 2006 Office action is hereby requested, making this Amendment and Response due on or before Friday, July 7, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the extension of time fee. It is believed no further petitions or fees are due with respect to filing of this Amendment. Should any such petitions or fees be necessary, however, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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